

## SOME SEASONAL BIRDS...

Seen only from spring through summer, they come to nest every year.

### TREE SWALLOW

Dark blue-green above; white below. Catches insects in the air. Seen around the ponds.



### RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD

Male: red metallic throat, orange back, white belly. Female: red-flecked white throat, green back, white belly. Seen in meadow and edges of woodland.



### COMMON YELLOWTHROAT

Olive green above; yellow below. Male has black mask. Seen in marsh and meadow. Song: witchity- witchity- witchity-witch.



Every season  
has something  
new and  
interesting to  
see.

## A TRAIL FOR ALL SEASONS

In winter, evergreen trees add a dash of color to the subtle tones of the season and ice may cover the beaver ponds. Spring is when nature renews with colorful blooms and baby animals. Summer brings sun-ripened berries - food for hungry birds and mammals. With fall's arrival, salmon return to McLane Creek to spawn and die. Maple leaves turn golden and winds blow briskly as animals prepare for another winter season.

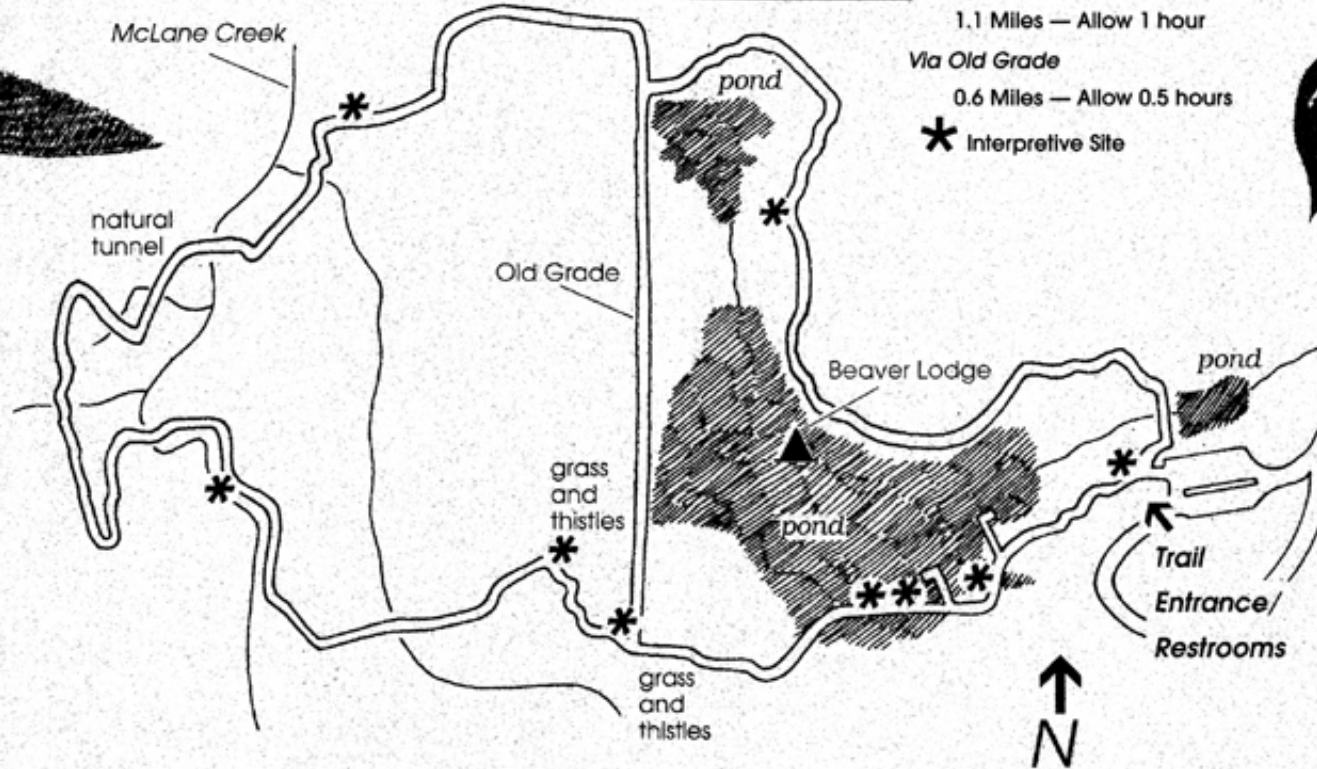
## Self-guided Walk

1.1 Miles — Allow 1 hour

Via Old Grade

0.6 Miles — Allow 0.5 hours

\* Interpretive Site



## SOME SEASONAL FLOWERS...



### WESTERN TRILLIUM

Three white to purple-pink petals mid-April-May. Likes moist, shady woods.



### CREeping THISTLE

Pale purple flowers June-September. Found in meadow. Two to four feet tall.



### SKUNK CABBAGE

Swamp plant with aromatic yellow blooms March-April.

### PACIFIC BLEEDINGHEART

Small pink hear-shaped flowers mid-April-early June. Likes moist, shady woods.



### FOXGLOVE

Tube-like pink to purple flowers late June-August. Found around McLane Creek.

**"T**here is symbolic as well as actual beauty in the migration of the birds, (and) ... the folded bud ready for spring. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter."

Rachel Carson  
Sense of Wonder, 1956



# SOME COMMON PLANTS AND ANIMALS ANY SEASON

**WESTERN REDCEDAR**  
Stringy, red-brown bark;  
scaly evergreen leaves with  
new growth  
in spring; small 1/2-inch brown cones.



**PILEATED  
WOODPECKER**  
Large, black with red  
crest. Hammers big  
holes in snags to get  
insects. Lays 3 to 5  
eggs in spring



**BLACK-TAILED DEER**  
Has fawns in late spring.  
Shy of people. Eats grass  
and berries.



**DOUGLAS FIR**  
Rough, brown bark; ever-  
green needles; 2 to 3 - inch  
"shaggy" cones open in fall.

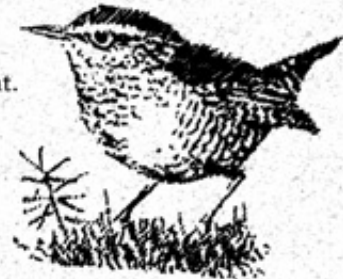


**ROUGHSKIN NEWT**  
Reddish-brown amphibian. Breeds in the  
ponds winter through summer.



**PIED-BILLED GREBE**  
Resident. Has black bill ring in  
spring through summer. Young  
are boldly striped.

**WINTER WREN**  
Small brown resident.  
Lays 5 to 7 eggs in  
spring. Has a high-  
pitched twitter.



**RIVER OTTER**  
Playful aquatic mammal.  
Eats fish and frogs.  
Has 2 to 3 "pups"  
in spring.



**OREGON GRAPE**  
Has holly-like leaves. Sports  
bright yellow flowers in  
summer; blue colored  
berries in fall.



**RACCOON**  
Mostly nocturnal mammal. Has 3 to 6 young  
in spring. Eats frogs, berries and insects.

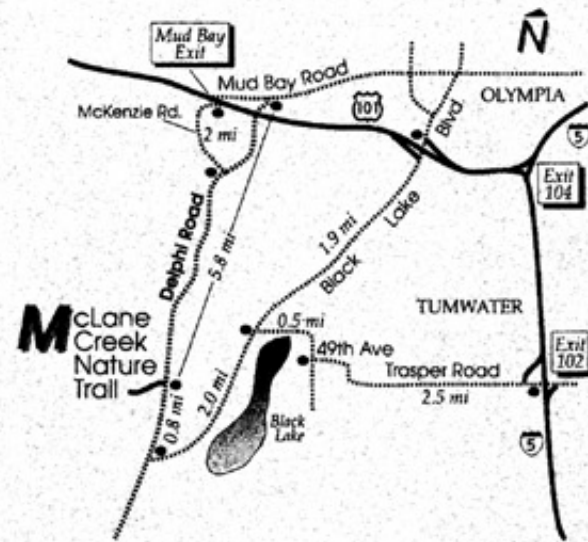


**DOUGLAS SQUIRREL**  
Resident. Collects fir cones and seeds for  
winter larder.



**SWORDFERN**  
Large evergreen fronds.  
Its "fiddleheads"  
uncoil in spring.  
Orange spore cases  
dot underside.

## TRAIL LOCATION



## WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS.

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